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AMERICAN LEGION STARTS CAMPAIGN FOR NEW MEMBERS

Following instructions from National Headquarters, the Sam Swaskegame Post of the American Legion has launched plans for a membership drive. The last two weeks in January have been designated by the national organization as membership week and every post in the county is expected during this time to make an effort to increase its membership. A committee has been appointed by the local post to handle the campaign here during the next ten days.

Though twenty new members have joined our post since Jan. 1st, it is known that there are still a large number of ex-service men in Kingman, Chloride and neighboring mining camps who are not affiliated with the Legion and an effort will be made to bring these men into the fold during this campaign.

REVISION COMMITTEE NAMED

A committee composed of W. P. Jones, chairman; O. W. Gildow and Wm. Leak was appointed at last night's meeting to make a revision of the constitution and by-laws of the local post. This move has been planned for some time by the executive committee.

EVERYONE ELIGIBLE SHOULD JOIN

The work of the American Legion is a great work, and all who are eligible to become members of this great organization should do so. The Legion seeks to unite in a full fraternity of interest and feeling. All good and true defenders of our country in that great conflict. We earnestly implore all our comrades to be ever alert in finding those who served in the World War, and who are in need of a helping hand, without forgetting the orphans and widows of those comrades who made the supreme sacrifice.

The Legion has four virtues, they are: Fraternity, Loyalty, Charity and Unity. The emblem of our body is a mark of distinction and honor, it consists of several parts and each part has a meaning. The rays of the sun that form the background stand for the principles of the American Legion, for peace and brotherhood and for the light of justice, truth and right, dispelling the darkness of anarchy, violence, strife and evil. The two gold rings around the fields of blue bearing our name and the two bronze rings around the wreath typify our major allies. The wreath itself is for remembrance. It is set upon a star and signifies that never shall the radiance of those who sleep across the sea be dimmed.

The inscription thereon demands that the wearer will ever guard the sanctity of home, country and free institutions.

Members voted to accept the invitation extended by the Ellis Harbach Post of Oatman to attend the Washington's Birthday Dance they are giving Feb. 22nd. All local members who possibly can, should go. The Oatman boys are making their plans far enough ahead to warrant a good time for everybody.

Twenty-two members were present at the meeting last night. W. A. Nelson was elected chaplain and H. J. Smith, Sergeant at Arms. Mr. Jay Gates, Tom Devine, Sr., H. L. Horner and Joe Rosenberg were present, each delivering a short talk. They were all pleased with the progress our local post is making and expressed their desire to help in any way, at any time.

A committee was appointed to meet with the business men's committee, which is headed by Mr. Rosenberg, to formulate a plan to convert the Legion Headquarters into a Public Reading Room. A definite report of which will be given out later.

Legion members are reminded that the dues for 1921 are now payable and if the \$4.00 is not in the hands of the Adjutant by Feb. 1st, the delinquents copy of the American Legion Weekly, a newsy sheet concerning Legion matters, will be automatically stopped. 1921 dues are \$4.00 for old members and \$5.00 for new.

During the present month dues may be paid to Roy Robinson at the Miner Office, R. L. McMillan at the Central Commercial or R. S. Adams at the Santa Fe Depot.

Come on Buddie, join up and help us help others.

D. P. & W. CO. ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' AND DI- RECTORS' MEETING

The annual stockholders and directors meeting of the Desert Power and Water company are being held here today. Besides the general business to be transacted, will be the considering of plans for the betterment of electrical service in the county, certain improvements at the plant, and the election of officers for the coming year.

Those attending the meetings from out of town are Hon. J. C. Thompson, of Wisconsin, Hon. W. A. Peters, of Riverside, W. A. Richardson, of San Francisco, and Oscar E. Slinack, of Los Angeles.

CAUSE OF DEATH OF MRS. HEAD UNKNOWN

The coroner's inquisition held on the bodies of Claude Head and wife, found dead in their home on the night of the 31st day of December last, at Oatman, was filed in the office of the clerk of the superior court last Saturday. The findings of the jury was to the effect that Claude Head came to his death by his own hand, the method being by cyanide poisoning, but as to the cause of death of Mrs. Head the jury was unable to arrive at a decision, their verdict being that she died from unknown causes. The implication in the testimony of Dr. Tolleson was that the unfortunate woman had died from strangulation, as the lungs, spleen and other vital parts showed a great deal of congestion.

Had Head been in financial difficulties there were many friends who would have come to his assistance, but it is believed that he became panic stricken and concluded to end the life of his wife and himself. That he left no reason for the deed, but allowed it to be implied that his wife had died from natural causes, was one of the peculiarities of the case, as it has ever been in all such calamities. The man and wife were among the popular people of the big gold camp and could have had aid to tide them over any emergency, but this knowledge was evidently overlooked by Head. The friends and all who knew the unfortunate couple will cover their memory with the broad mantle of charity for any shortcomings that they may have had and treasure their many good qualities forever.

STEPHENS AND SHERER UNEXPECTEDLY MAKE CHANGE IN ROAD DEPT

Last Saturday morning chairman of the board of supervisors Del Sherer and W. B. Stephens, member, met quietly at the supervisor rooms in the courthouse and proceeded to demolish the present county engineering organization by appointing a new county engineer and ordering the turning over of the machinery, etc., used in road building by the county to the new engineer. After the matter had been settled supervisor George B. Ayers appeared on the scene and there was something doing, but the two new members refused to recede from their position. Stephens had gone to Phoenix last week and returned with a gentleman who was understood to have been secured by him for the position.

A great many people of the county are asking why.

We will gladly give space in the Miner to Mr. Stephens and Mr. Sherer if they wish to tell the people why they found it necessary to make the change in the Road Department.

The roadbuilding question is one of great importance to the county and during the next few weeks the Miner will devote as much space as necessary to things of interest to its readers, relating to this question.

SOCIAL TEA

A tea will be given at the home of Mrs. W. C. Todd next Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock for the benefit of the Ladies Aid Society.

Everybody welcome. A silver offering will be taken.

STATE LEGISLATURE GRINDS OUT BILLS

The state legislature at Phoenix has started well on its steady grind of bills. Already 28 bills have appeared in the senate and 24 in the house. Three of these bills have passed the house and are on their way to the senate.

Among the bills is one against the sale of tobacco in any form and levying a heavy fine for its sale. The impression is that this bill will not pass, but that a more drastic measure will be passed against the sale of cigarettes and the "makings" to minors.

A new vehicle law has been introduced, which is one of the most voluminous affair. It is patterned after the eastern vehicle law and covers every phase of motor vehicle traffic.

A bill covers an attack on the county highway system, which is understood to have for its object the curbing of the commissions in Maricopa and Santa Cruz counties. The bill provides that there shall be a member from each legislative division and the rate of pay is \$5 per day and that no member shall draw more than \$25 per month. It is understood that in several counties the members of the present commission draw almost daily pay without rendering service, which possibly is the basis of the attack.

A bill for the creation of a board of engineering examiners.

For a change in the public service act changing three words for the obtaining of greater clarity. This bill is by Representative Neal of Mohave County.

A bill to exempt from the expense account of candidates at primaries expenditures for advertising, postage and printing.

An act appropriating \$150,000 for a bridge across the Colorado river near Pierce Ferry. This was introduced by Senator Curtin of this county. Mr. Curtin made a good talk on the subject, showing the importance of the construction of this bridge to the state at large.

A bill establishing a colony school for the feeble minded.

A bill for the registration of brokers and real estate men and salesmen.

The bill regulating the sales of securities under the "Blue Sky Law", which has for its purpose the tighter gripping of such sales, was recommended for indefinite postponement.

Many bills are in committee that have not yet come to light.

ODD FELLOWS CELEBRATING LIFTING OF BUILDING DEBT

A very nice affair was that given by the Odd Fellows Wednesday night when they met to celebrate the lifting of a \$7,000 debt against their building in Kingman.

During the past year Odd Fellows Building Association, a separate organization from the lodge itself, had succeeded in placing the \$7,000 indebtedness against the building, into the hands of the members of the lodge, at a lower rate of interest. The board of directors of the building association, consisting of A. B. Fancher, president, Mrs. A. B. Fancher, vice-president, C. R. Van Marter, Secretary, Jack Maddux, treasurer and A. A. Park, member, accomplished this by considerable work applied.

Wednesday night when the members of the lodge met in the lodge rooms, C. R. Van Marter opened the ceremonies with an address on organization, going into detail on what the committee had done the past year. W. O. Ruggles followed with a talk on Fraternity and then Henry Lang reviewed the early experiences of the lodge, starting back in the 90's.

After this the members all stood in silence while the note was burned. After this the crowd retired to the banquet room where a banquet had been prepared by the Rebeccas and enjoyed a pleasant hour.

Then came the dance in the hall below where the public as well as the members danced until a late hour. The music furnished by Hayes, Burkie and Lonnie Van Marter.

\$20 FINE

"Smiley", who operates a bootblack and fruit stand on Front Street, was fined \$20 by Justice of the Peace Sam H. Miller for flashing a gun in an argument the other night.

"THE LOST CHAPTER- ONE" MAKES BIG HIT

The Senior Class of the High School gave their annual play on Tuesday evening, and altho the weather was anything but conducive to theater going, this annual event was too attractive for mere weather intervention and the High School Auditorium was filled.

The lines of this comedy were clever and the acting was pronounced the best yet seen on the High School stage.

The theme was the story of a group of college girls on a camping trip, their chaperon missed her train, and the girls were all alone in the woods, and even they admitted just a trifle nervous. Three Berkeley boys were camping just across the lake from them but they had no means of introduction. Desperate methods were finally adopted and they got together just as the chaperon arrived, having to stay all night in Hackberry. Several dashes of local color were introduced, which added to the enjoyment of the audience. Leon Harris, Edwin Hilty, Don Wagner, Glen Goodwin took the male parts and Mayme Jenkins, Lula Goodwin, Helen Chambers, Marjorie Peck, Virginia Horner took the part of the un-chaperoned girls. Frankie Schneider and Alta Miller impersonated two woodsmen in an entirely artistic manner. May Schneider took the part of the lost chaperon. Those in the audience, who were acquainted with chaperons, were heard to say that she was running true to form.

On the whole it was a delightful little comedy, well adapted and well played.

The different acts of the play were interspersed with musical numbers: Ruth Casteel, instrumental; Edith Carrow, instrumental; Dorothy Smith, instrumental and Dorothy and Ursula Smith in a vocal number.

Miss Mabel Cunningham, of the Home Economics Department, directed the play, and much credit for its success is due her.

The Class have an offer from Oatman to play in the Desert Inn Theater of that place. It is probable that the play will be taken to Oatman in about two weeks.

MAKING MOONSHINE ON A LARGE SCALE

J. M. Rank, an old time miner of this county, but who of late years has been conducting a bee ranch on the Colorado river, near Topock, was brought in from that place under arrest by Sheriff W. P. Mahoney and his two deputies, Charles Bly and John W. Harris, last Saturday. The charge against Rank was that of running a distillery and manufacturing hooch.

When the officers raided Rank's place they found one of the best appointed stills in the state, thirty gallons of high proof alcohol, three barrels of booze that was ready for the final touches that would make it marketable. There was a large amount of mash and other accessories of a real distillery. It is reported that honey was used in the manufacture of the product and that screw beans were used for the mash. The beans were supposed to have been the ordinary bean of the mesquite and carry a large amount of sugar.

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JURY LIST OF 500 DRAWN TUESDAY

A grand and trial jury list of 500 names was drawn Tuesday last by Sheriff Mahoney, chairman of the board of supervisors Del Sherer and Clerk of the Court J. E. Morgan. These jurors will be used in the jury trials during the year, it not being expected that there will be more than one jury session during the twelve months. Jury trials in the county have not been much in evidence the past several years, the court hearing practically all causes that are brought before it.

JEAN POCOCK MOVES TO THE HIGHWAY GARAGE

The Kingman Battery and Ignition Co., operated by Jean Pocock formerly located on Front St., in the J. N. Cohenour Building, next to Thompson and Dudley Machinery Co., have moved their location across the R. R. Tracks to the Highway Garage, where they will conduct their business in the future. Mr. Pocock informs us that he is glad to announce to his many customers that he will be equipped to give them better service in all departments than in the past.

IMPORTANT MEETING TUES. NIGHT

Inasmuch as weather conditions worked against a large attendance of the meeting called by the Gun Club last Tuesday night, no business of importance was transacted, definite action being postponed until a meeting Tuesday of next week, in the Arizona Central Bank directors' room.

The purpose of this meeting is to talk over plans in connection with the tract of ground north of the city, recently purchased from the Santa Fe. This ground was purchased for the purpose of making a "playground" for the people of Kingman, making it the headquarters for the Gun Club, the Gold Club, the Tennis Club, in short a regular country club. Later a clubhouse may be built and other improvements made.

At present the land is being held by H. H. Watkins, as trustee. Now a plan is wanted whereby this land will be deeded to an organization, the members of which will own this land. For the formulation of such a plan this meeting is called.

Everyone interested in an organization of this kind, whether they are affiliated with any of the clubs mentioned or not, is urged to be present at this meeting.

JENNIE EDITH WILLIAMS CALLED BY DEATH ANGEL

On Saturday evening, Jan. 15th, 1921, Jennie Edith Williams, dearly beloved wife of J. P. Williams, passed away at her home in Kingman. With wondrous faith, and with no sorrowing, she bade her friends and dear ones goodbye, bearing out, to the last, the fulfillment of her beautiful Christian life, during five years among those in Kingman. With hope for her guiding star, she was sustained by hope, to the end. Administered to, tenderly, through all the long days of her illness, by her dear husband, she leaves him desolate, but not uncomforated, for to have been with her, was to have believed with her, that God takes care of his own.

Her beautiful life, is typified in the words:

"She plucked a thorn, and planted a flower,
Wherever a flower would grow.
'Her soul, to Him who gave it, rose;
God leads it to its long repose,
It's glorious rest.
And though her life's sun has set,
It's light shall linger round us yet,
Bright, and radiant, and blest."

Jennie Edith Williams, was born on Dec. 20, 1892, the daughter of J. W. and Annie E. Caster, in Gentry County, Missouri, and was 28 years, 25 days of age at the time of her death. She was united in marriage on Feb. 26, 1914, to J. P. Williams, and came with him to make their home in Kingman, where Mr. Williams is employed with the Desert Power and Water Co.

Mrs. Williams was a member of the Pleasant Grove, Mo., Baptist Church, which faith she so beautifully lived. She leaves to mourn her early death, her husband, her father and mother, two brothers and three sisters.

Mr. Williams accompanied his wife's remains to Albany, Mo., where they will be laid to rest. The parents were unable to go with the body, being called to Los Angeles by the serious illness of another daughter.

COOKED FOOD SALE

The Ladies Aid Society will give a cooked food sale on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 22nd at the City Meat Market.

LOCAL BASKETBALL TEAM CLEANS UP ON HOLBROOK BOYS

A wire was received this morning from Flagstaff stating that the game there last night wound up with a score of 23 to 11 in favor of Flagstaff. The report said that it was a good game.

On Saturday night at the Gymnasium the Basket Ball fans of Kingman were treated to a victory by the High School Basket Ball Team. The game between Holbrook High School and the Mohave County Union High School Team was played at top speed from start to finish. The score was 28 to 12 in favor of the local five. Time of halves, 20 and 15 minutes. Referee, Kilburn, Umpire Skaggs. Time Keeper, Linville, Scorer Uhle.

To name the individual stars of the game would be to name the five men on the local team. Hoffman and St. Charles at forward from all angles and positions, Harris at center had the tip on his opponent and usually fed the ball to the forwards from the center. Minear and White as guards, have a lot of credit for the victory coming to them. They covered their men well, were on the ball instantly, when it threatened their basket, and kept it fed to their own forwards.

The most notable improvement in the team is their team work. The ball was taken by the local boys from the toss up, and they generally kept it in their possession until a try at the basket was had. The most notable weakness is their shooting of fouls.

The game was the cleanest and most sportsmanlike that the writer has watched in a long time. The referee handled the game in his usual snappy manner and not a decision was questioned. The Kingman boys exhibited great sportsmanship and the Holbrook boys matched them. The game was a credit to each team and to all those who had anything to do with it.

It is regrettable that more Kingman people did not witness this game. The boys need the encouragement and the people need this wholesome sport.

The line-up: Hoffman, r. f.; St. Charles, l. f.; Harris, c.; Minear, r. g.; White, l. g.

On Thursday morning the team left for a three game trip. They play the Flagstaff Normal School Five on Thursday night, Winslow High School on Friday night and Holbrook High School on Saturday night. The following boys are on the trip: Bill St. Charles, Captain; Howard Hoffman, Leon Harris, Toler White, Chester Minear and Ralph Johnson. Coach G. W. Kilburn accompanied the team. They will return Sunday.

MILITARY FUNERAL FOR EUSTACE HALL HELD HERE TODAY

A military funeral is being held today at Kingman for Eustace Hall, who died in France, in the World War. The ceremonies are being conducted from the St. John's Church, under the auspices of the Swaskegame Post of the American Legion. There will be sailor pall-bearers and a soldier firing squad.

Hall was a Chloride boy and was a member of Headquarters Company, 158th Infantry, 40th Division. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hall, now residing at Chloride. He died at Villequiers, France, October 14, 1918 of pneumonia.

BOUND OVER TO SUPERIOR COURT-BOOTLEGGING CHARGE

Herber Peabody, a Canadian, was taken into custody late last week in Kingman by deputies Imus and McGee, charged with peddling booze.

Peabody came up from Needles with a couple of cases of moonshine and went to the Brunswick Hotel. He was arrested soon after his arrival here.

He came up before Justice of the Peace Sam H. Miller Tuesday and was bound over to the Superior Court on \$400 bail.